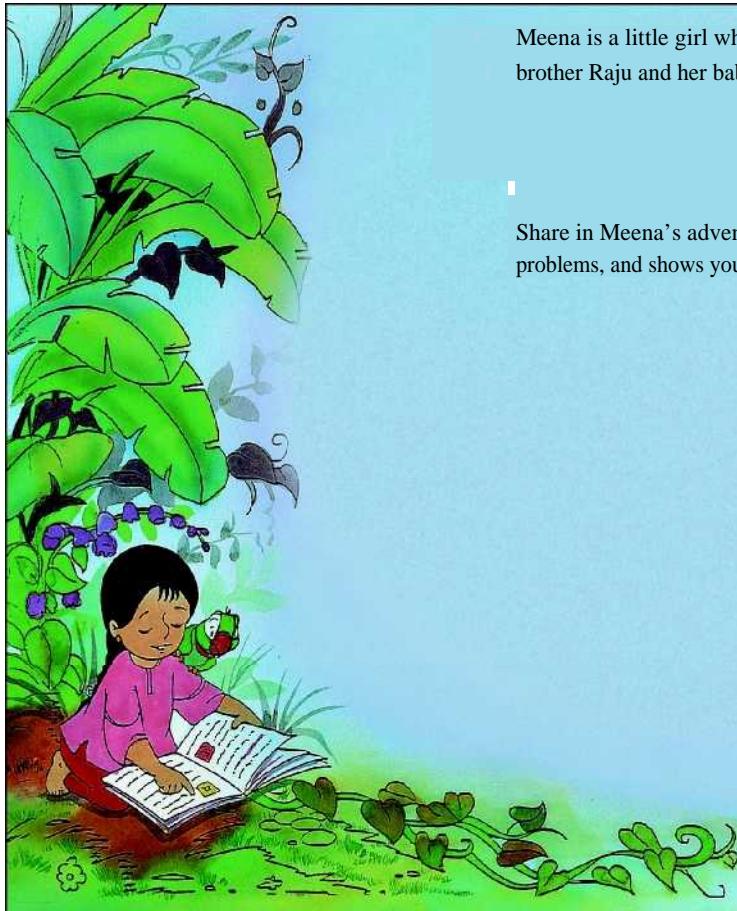


Let's Go to School Together





Meena is a little girl who lives in a village with her parents, her grandmother, **her** brother Raju and her baby sister, Rani. Mithu, the parrot, is her best friend.

Share in Meena's adventures as she laughs, climbs trees, asks questions and solves problems, and shows you all the things that a little girl can do.

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Meena and Bela went to the same school. They were friends and their families liked visiting each other. But this time, Bela's parents had brought upsetting news to Meena's house.



Bela's parents had decided to take her out of school.



Bela's parents were worried for her safety. She was growing up and the walk to school was long and lonely.



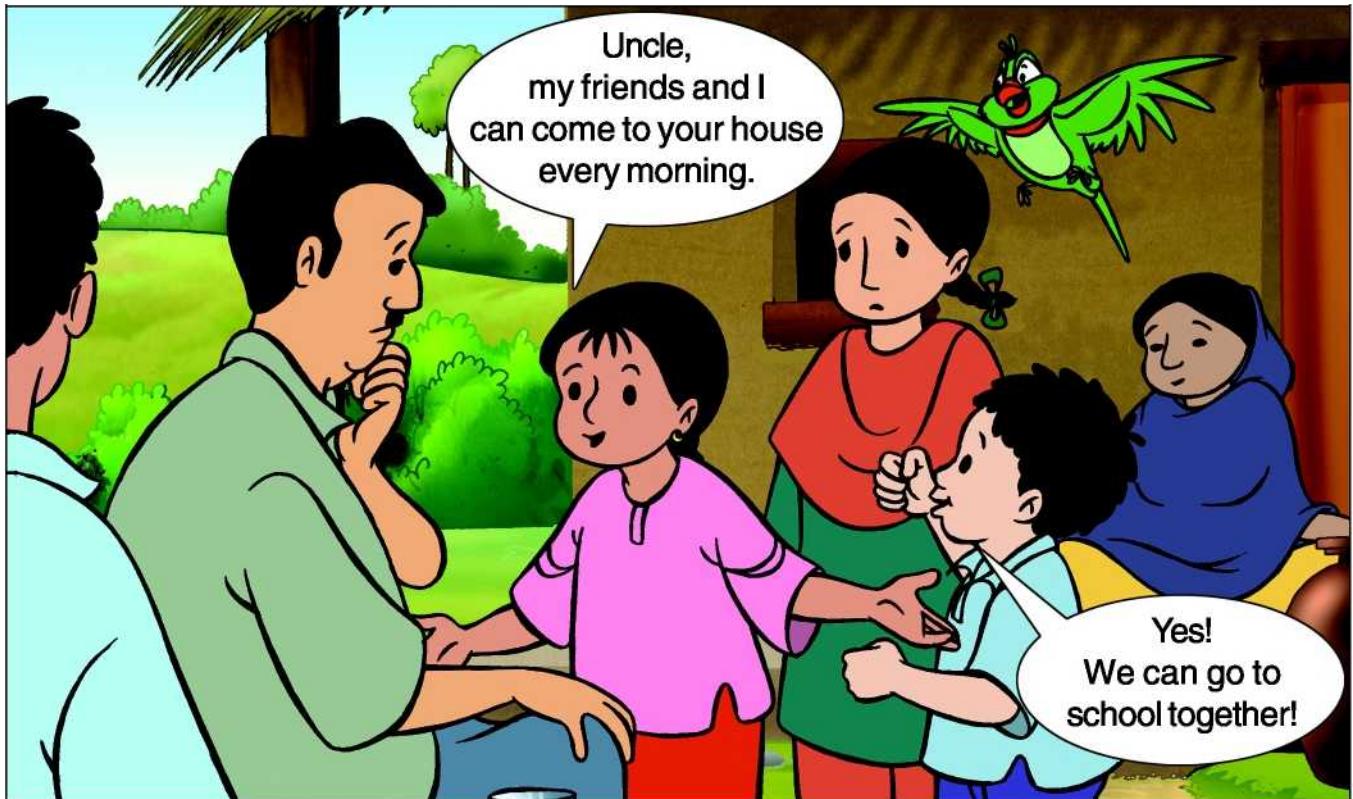
Meena and Bela were both very upset. Meena knew how important it is for girls to continue school.



Meena's family also knew the importance of educating girls. They saw how much Meena had learnt by going to school.



Suddenly, Meena had a wonderful idea. It would allow Bela to continue her studies and also keep her safe!



The grown ups liked Meena's idea. This idea could help other girls too!



Now the girls waited for Bela's father to give his decision.



Bela's father smiled and held open his arms.



Now Bela and her parents are both happy! Bela still goes to school, but safely – in a group!



Here are two ways of making it safe for girls to go to school. Can you think of any other ways?

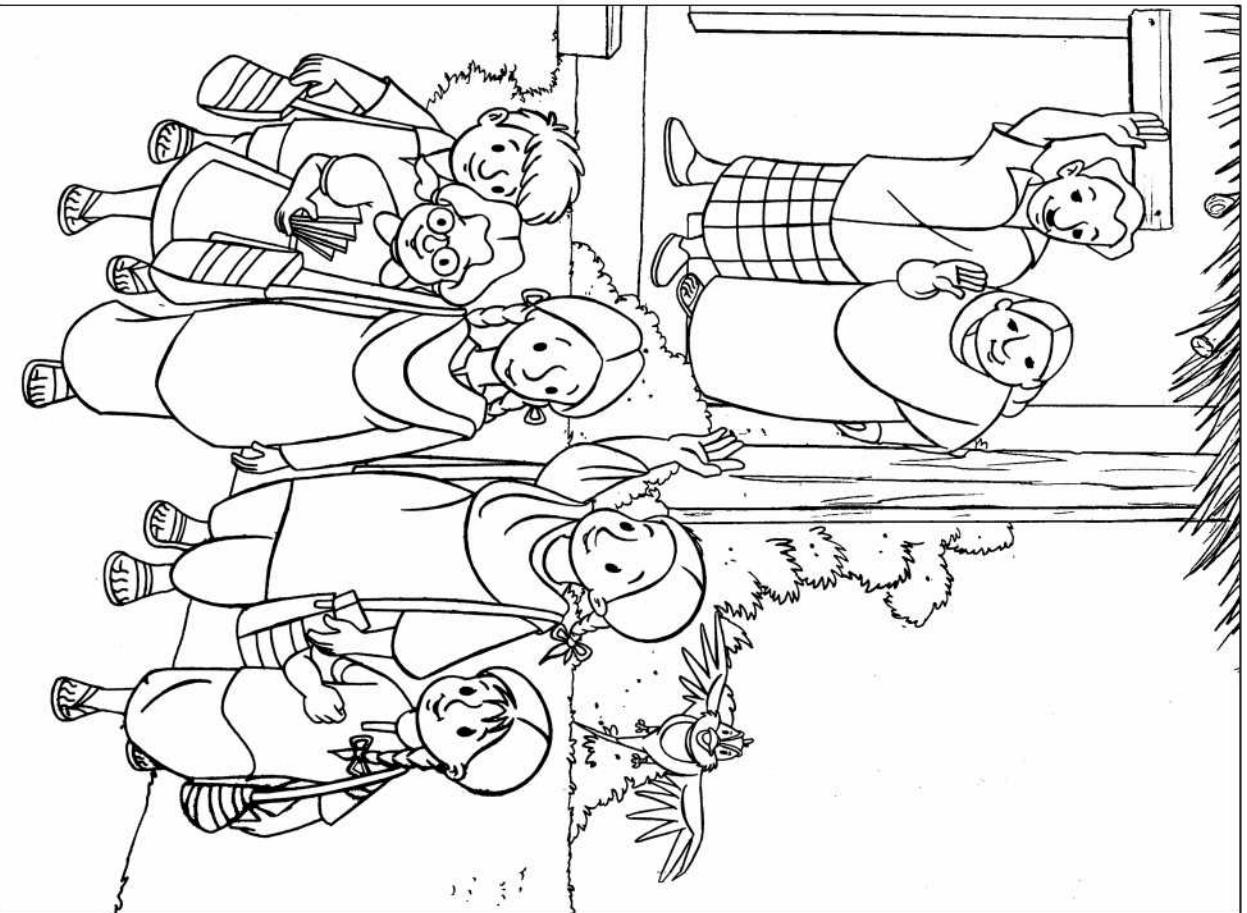


Walking to school in a group.



Having an adult accompany girls to school.

This is a picture for you to colour





All girls should be in school.

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